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NEWS RELEASE

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Information for November 3 General Elections

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Here is vital information you need to know before Election Day:

ABSENTEE VOTING: Voters may no longer request to receive an absentee ballot by mail. The deadline was Saturday, October 24. In-person absentee voting is still available through Monday, November 2 at the Election Office, Room 210 of the Courthouse at 316 E. 5th St., Waterloo. The courthouse will be open as follows:

Wednesday, Oct. 28 – 8am-4:30pm
Thursday, Oct. 29 – 8am-7pm
Friday Oct. 30 – 8am-4:30pm
Saturday, Oct. 31 – 8am-5pm
Monday, Nov. 2 – 8:00am to 5pm

When returning a ballot by mail, that ballot must be postmarked on or before Monday, November 2 or it will not be counted. **Postmarks are not always affixed by the Post Office, so mail your absentee ballot early enough so that it arrives by Election Day.** Even if the ballot is postmarked on time, mailed ballots must also be received in the Election Office by the receipt deadline of noon, Monday, November 9. Ballots received after the receipt deadline cannot be counted. Ballots may be hand-delivered at the courthouse, either at the Election Office in Room 210 or in the drop box by the entrance to the courthouse, before 9:00 pm on Election Day, November 3 in order to be counted.

ELECTION DAY: The polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 9:00 PM on Election Day, November 3. Some polling places have changed due to the pandemic. All households with a registered voter received a postcard from the Auditor's Office with the polling place for that address.

All voters will be asked to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before they may receive and cast a ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered or voters changing precincts must provide both proof of identity and proof of residence. Any voter who cannot show ID may have their identity attested to by another registered voter in the precinct who has proper ID. The attester may attest for no more than two voters. For more information about voter ID, visit <http://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or call 319-833-3007.

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION: A person who is eligible to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the precinct in which the individual resides. The voter must complete a voter registration application, make written oath and provide acceptable proof of identity and acceptable proof of residence. Acceptable documents which can

be used as proof of identity and proof of residence are very specific and substitutes will not be accepted. To see all forms of approved ID visit <http://sos.iowa.gov/voterid>.

Questions may be directed to the Election Office, 316 E. 5th St. in Waterloo, at 833-3007 or election@co.black-hawk.ia.us.

If you are unsure where you will vote November 3, the following website look-up options are available:

.....Use the county's website located at www.co.black-hawk.ia.us. Select the link in the Elections section for Find Your Voting Location.

.....Use the Secretary of State's website located at: www.sos.iowa.gov . Users may select Find my Polling Place to determine their polling place and then select the option to verify where they are registered to vote.